

On December 5, 2019, the United States Senate passed Senate Bill 743, the Merrill's Marauders Congressional Gold Medal Act, to honor their extraordinary service. On September 22, 2020, the House of Representatives also passed the bill by unanimous consent. The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest expression by Congress of national appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions to the country.

Loy's legacy of love includes his marriage to his wife, Beatrice; of fifty-nine years, and his children who are so proud of his service, Freda Carver, Linda Ownby, Paul Ownby, and Steve Ownby.

Madam Speaker, Loy A. Ownby faithfully served his country under the most difficult situations possible and as a member of Merrill's Marauders. I proudly honor his legacy and service.

**GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY OF
THE VETERAN ADMINISTRATION
DOMICILIARY PROGRAM AND
PSYCHOSOCIAL OUTPATIENT
CENTER**

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, the construction of the Veterans Administration Domiciliary Program & Psychosocial Outpatient Center in Puerto Rico is a long overdue facility that will serve Veterans in the geographic area of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, including close to 23,000 mental health patients. The Center will complement the Veterans Administration Caribbean Health System (VACHS) with Psychosocial Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Programs to assist Veterans living with mental illness. The programs will assist the Veteran by instilling hope, validating strengths, teaching skills, and facilitating community integration so that each Veteran can develop meaningful self-determined roles in the community.

With 52,000 net usable square feet and 177 parking spaces and an investment of approximately \$50 million dollars, the VA Domiciliary Program & Psychosocial Outpatient Center will include a Residential Program and a Psychosocial Recovery Program. In the facility the veterans of the region will be able to receive services close to their homes, rather than referring them to other facilities in the U.S. mainland, which could deprive our Veterans from their family support and limiting their ability to fully benefit from the services received, due to cultural and language barriers.

The Veterans of Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands have never wavered in their resolve to give their best in the defense of the Nation. Overcoming social norms and without full representation in the U.S. Congress, as deserved by all American citizens, they persevered and are an inspiration to all of us.

Today, October 20, 2021, the words of President Abraham Lincoln, "To care for him who shall have borne the battle," that are the motto of the VA, are fulfilled as we celebrate the ground breaking of the construction of the Veterans Administration Domiciliary Program & Psychosocial Outpatient Center in Puerto Rico. I hope we can all be inspired by the ex-

ample of the Veterans of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands and ask that we can commit ourselves to making sure that the words of President Abraham Lincoln compel us to strive without rest to serve those who served.

IN MEMORY OF CHRIS PACE

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of a great American, Christopher Jack Pace. Chris was a dedicated public servant and a leader in Clark County, Kentucky. He passed away on October 14, 2021 at 44 years of age.

Chris was elected as the County Judge-Executive of Clark County in November of 2018. He took office the following January and proved from that first day to be a caring and competent leader for the community that he loved. Chris was well-respected by all those he encountered in his position as Judge-Executive. I was honored to collaborate with Chris on many projects to benefit the community. On a personal note, I was honored to consider Chris a personal friend.

Chris was a graduate of George Rogers Clark High School, Eastern Kentucky University, and Northern Kentucky University's Chase College of Law. Chris served as Student Government President at both ECU and NKU. He was a leader who served the community on several boards. Chris was a youth soccer and Upward basketball coach, as well as the public address announcer for GRC volleyball. Most importantly, Chris was a Christian who was strong in his faith in Jesus. He tried to follow Him daily and was a Godly example to us all. Chris was a member of Calvary Christian Church.

Chris loved his family deeply. He was the husband of Shannon, father of Jack, Roman, and Maria, son of Betty Pace and the late Donald Pace, and brother to Donna Gail Baker and Donald Pace, Jr. He had a large and loving extended family.

Chris was the epitome of a good family man, a good citizen, and a good leader. He loved his community and his country. He will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to have known him. He loved life and lived it enthusiastically as evidenced by the genuine smile that was always on his face. It is my honor to lift up the life of Christopher Jack Pace before the United States Congress.

**CONGRATULATING CHIEF KEVIN
SHOOK ON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE KEWANEE FIRE DE-
PARTMENT**

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Kevin Shook, who is retiring from the Kewanee Fire Department after 23 years of service.

Chief Shook has been a member of the Kewanee Fire Department since 1998. Work-

ing his way through the ranks, he became Chief of the Department in 2016. His steadfast determination to keep his community safe, strive for innovation, and ensure the preparedness of the Kewanee Fire Department has been unwavering throughout his career in public service. Earlier this year, under Chief Shook's guidance, the Department was awarded a \$205,431 regional grant through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. This transformative investment to the city of Kewanee was made possible because of Chief Shook, one of the latest examples of his strong leadership.

It is because of dedicated and selfless leaders such as Chief Shook that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to, again, formally congratulate Chief Kevin Shook on his well-earned retirement and thank him for his 23 years of service to our community.

**IN RECOGNITION OF PENN-MONT
ACADEMY**

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Penn-Mont Academy in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, as they celebrate their 60th year providing a Montessori education to the students of our community.

Penn-Mont Academy was founded in 1961 by Aline and Gerald Wolf, who founded the school in their home with a vision to create one of the first Montessori institutions in the United States.

Over the past 60 years, the school has worked to provide a creative and insightful education that molds independent and lifelong learners.

This school is important to my family and me. My wife, Dr. Alice Plummer Joyce, was one of the school's first graduates.

I am incredibly grateful for the outstanding work that The Penn-Mont Academy does in our community. From the Wolfs front porch to their current home in Hollidaysburg the Penn-Mont Academy has offered generations of students the foundation they need to succeed.

The school's commitment to educating the children of Blair County is exceptional, and I look forward to their continued work to support and inspire our future leaders.

On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate the students, staff, and administration of Penn-Mont Academy on reaching this historic milestone and wish them every continued success in the years to come.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose